

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: COX IOWA TELECOM, Complainant, vs. QWEST CORPORATION, Respondent.	DOCKET NO. FCU-02-1
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

(Issued February 25, 2002)

On February 11, 2002, MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (MCImetro), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in Docket No. FCU-02-1. This docket will examine Cox Iowa Telecom's (Cox's) allegations that Qwest Corporation's (Qwest's) decision to offer local service freezes (LSFs) to its Iowa customers is an anti-competitive measure.

In support of its petition to intervene, MCImetro states that it holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing MCImetro to provide landline telephone service through all local exchange services, functions, and capabilities in Iowa that are currently provided by Qwest. In addition, MCImetro states that as a local exchange competitor of Qwest, it has a substantial and direct interest in the LSF issues to be addressed in these proceedings.

On February 18, 2002, Qwest filed an objection to MCImetro's petition to intervene. In support of its objection, Qwest states that MCImetro has neither asserted a direct complaint against Qwest, nor demonstrated its precise interest in the proceeding as required under 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(2), outlining the Board's rules for permissive intervention.

MCImetro's petition to intervene will be granted as an intervention of right pursuant to 199 IAC 7.2(7)"d"(1). As a local exchange competitor of Qwest, MCImetro has demonstrated a direct and unique interest in these proceedings that should be represented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed by MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc., on February 11, 2002, is granted. MCImetro shall be allowed unrestricted rights to participate in these proceedings.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of February, 2002.